Medical certificate for commuted leave

2210. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gazetted officers of the Government of India are required to submit medical certificate from the CGHS dispensary or Government Hospital in case they fall ill and want to avail themselves of the facility of commuted leave;

(b) whether the non-gazetted officers can submit such medical certificate from any registered medical practitioner;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the said discrimination; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to make compulsory for all Government employees to produce medical certificate from the authorised medical attendant i.e. CGHS or hospital in case they fall ill and want to avail of the facility of commuted leave?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) As per the extent rules governing grant of leave on medical grounds including commuted leave, production of medical certificates by Authorised Medical Attendants (AMA) in the case of gazetted Government servants and by Authorised Medical Attendant or Registered Medical Practitioners (R.M.P.) in the case of non-gazetted Government servants is necessary.

(c) No discrimination against the gazetted employees is involved as the existing provisions are based on practical considerations such as the need for avoiding hardship in genuine cases of non-gazetted employees posted in far flung areas where Authorised Medical Attendant may not be available within a reasonable distance and the more important and responsible role assigned to gazetted Government servants.

(d) The ultimate aim is to provide for the production of medical certificate from Authorised Medical Attendants in all cases. The rules will be subject to constant review keeping this aim in view.

Visit of a Indian Defence team to USA

2211. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a five member Indian team of defence experts went to the United States to finalise the transfer of US technology for the proposed light combat aircraft;

(b) if so, the names of members of the Indian team and when they visited USA;

(c) whether any proposal has since been finalised by the team; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether the team has since returned to India; if so, the outcome of their said visit to USA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) A four-member team of experts from the Ministry of Defence visited USA for discussions with the US Government as part of on-going negotiations for release of technologies relevant to the LCA programme.

(b) The team comprised of members from the Defence R&D Organisation and the Aeronautical Development Agency. The SA to RM, who was in USA in connection with a Conference, also held discussions on a number of topics of mutual interest. The visit of the team to USA was during 20 July—6 Aug. 87.

(c) No proposal has been finalised so far.

(d) The team has just returned to India and it is premature to comment on the outcome of the ongoing discussions which relate to a class of sensitive technologies.